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COUNTRY Eastern Germany REPORT  
TOPIC Military Information from Chemnitz. 50X1-HUM  
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REMARKS  
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1. On 20 September 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse, Chemnitz (M 51/K 66), was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] they were not the same soldiers who had been stationed in the barracks installation during the preceding weeks. Some of the officers were billeted in the installation and some in the houses at 72 through 83 Lenin Strasse. The houses Nos 76 and 84 have been completely vacant since 20 September and all sentries withdrawn. All buildings of the installation were brightly lighted at dusk. Officers patrolled the installation after 7 p.m. 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] a curfew was in effect after 7 p.m. as no soldiers were seen on the streets after that time. No training activity was noticed.

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2. During the period from 15 to 20 September, the Infanterie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse was still occupied by about 80 officers from junior lieutenant up to and including major and 600 to 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Five 76-mm AA guns and five searchlights with a diameter of 120 cm were observed in the billeting area [redacted]

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4. During the period from 15 to 19 September, the west section of the barracks installation in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf was still occupied by 300 to 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. [redacted] saw numerous young soldiers with closely cropped hair. A major who rode a sedan [redacted] was commanding officer of the unit. From 15 to 19 September, the eastern section of the installation was occupied by about 500 soldiers, most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets but about 10 percent wore red-bordered black epaulets. Most of these soldiers also had closely cropped hair. On 15 September 1952, 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, organized into groups of 30 soldiers each, carrying rifles, assault equipment and practice targets left the installation. Two groups marched toward the firing range and three groups marched to the training grounds where aiming practice and attacks were performed from a trench system. On 16 September, 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and organized into five groups of 30 soldiers each practiced attacking, closing-in on trenches and close combat with rifles and field equipment at the training grounds. Submachine guns were fired at the firing range. Another 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and organized into fire groups of 30 each left the installation for firing training on 18 September. About 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and organized into groups of 15 soldiers each practiced bayonet fighting in the woods north of the installation. Sixty soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets later entered the installation. The soldiers seen on 15 and 16 September received field training at the training grounds on 17 September. Numerous motor vehicles were seen driving to, or from, the installation. On 18 September, a column of a sedan occupied by a major and 11 trucks occupied by two officers and enlisted personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia left the west section of the installation. [redacted] (4)

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## Comments.

- (1) The Artillerie Kaserne continues to be occupied by an MGR unit. [redacted] by trucks carried artillery equipment to the installation on 1 September. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (2) The elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div [redacted] of the 30FG stationed in the Infanterie Kaserne are confirmed by the weapons [redacted]

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- (4) The western section of the Kaserne Elersdorf quarters a motor transport unit of the Rismut AG, the east section quarters an unidentified engineer battalion. 50X1-HUM
- (5) The information indicates an office of the Soviet Trade Administration of the SOFG in the installation in Sieghar-Schoenau.

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